[No. 178]

(HB 4482)

AN ACT to amend 1980 PA 350, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of nonprofit health care corporations; to provide their rights, powers, and immunities; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state officers relative to the exercise of those rights, powers, and immunities; to prescribe certain conditions for the transaction of business by those corporations in this state; to define the relationship of health care providers to nonprofit health care corporations and to specify their rights, powers, and immunities with respect thereto; to provide for a Michigan caring program; to provide for the regulation and supervision of nonprofit health care corporations by the commissioner of insurance; to prescribe powers and duties of certain other state officers with respect to the regulation and supervision of nonprofit health care corporations; to provide for the imposition of a regulatory fee; to regulate the merger or consolidation of certain corporations; to prescribe an expeditious and effective procedure for the maintenance and conduct of certain administrative appeals relative to provider class plans; to provide for certain administrative hearings relative to rates for health care benefits; to provide for certain causes of action; to prescribe penalties and to provide civil fines for violations of this act; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts," (MCL 550.1101 to 550.1704) by adding section 401g.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

550.1401g Health care corporation; access to pediatric care services. [M.S.A. 24.660(401g)]

Sec. 401g. (1) A health care corporation certificate that requires a member to designate a participating primary care provider and provides for dependent care coverage shall permit a dependent minor member to select and access a pediatrician for general pediatric care services.

(2) A health care corporation shall not require prior authorization or referral for access under subsection (1) to a pediatrician who participates with the health care corporation. A health care corporation may require prior authorization or referral for access to a nonparticipating pediatrician.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect. Approved November 15, 1999. Filed with Secretary of State November 16, 1999.